

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<i>In re</i> Application of	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: TBA
Michael L. VAZQUEZ <i>et al.</i>	)	
	)	Examiner: TBA
Serial No. TBA	)	
	)	Atty. Docket 101765.00142 (2705/17/cont.)
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For:  $\alpha$ - AND  $\beta$ -AMINO ACID HYDROXYETHYLAMINO SULFONAMIDES USEFUL AS RETROVIRAL  
PROTEASE INHIBITORS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned patent application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment. It is believed that no fee is due for filing this Preliminary Amendment. However, if there is a fee, please debit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 accordingly.

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